GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF MUSTARD .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The total area of land brought under mustard cultivation in the country particularly in Rajasthan, State-wise;

(b) Whether any Central scheme has been launched to assist the farmers cultivating mustard; and

(c) If so, the funds provided to the mustard cultivators under the scheme since its inception, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The total area under mustard cultivation in the country during 2005-06 was 70.74 lakh ha. The State-wise area coverage under mustard including the State of Rajasthan during 2005-06 is given at

(b) & (c): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) w.e.f. 1.4.2004 in 14 major oilseeds growing States with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds including mustard in the country. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds.

In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.

The State-wise funds provided for implementation of development programmes on oilseeds including mustard, pulses, oil palm and maize from 2004-05 to 2006-07 under ISOPOM is given at Annexure - II.